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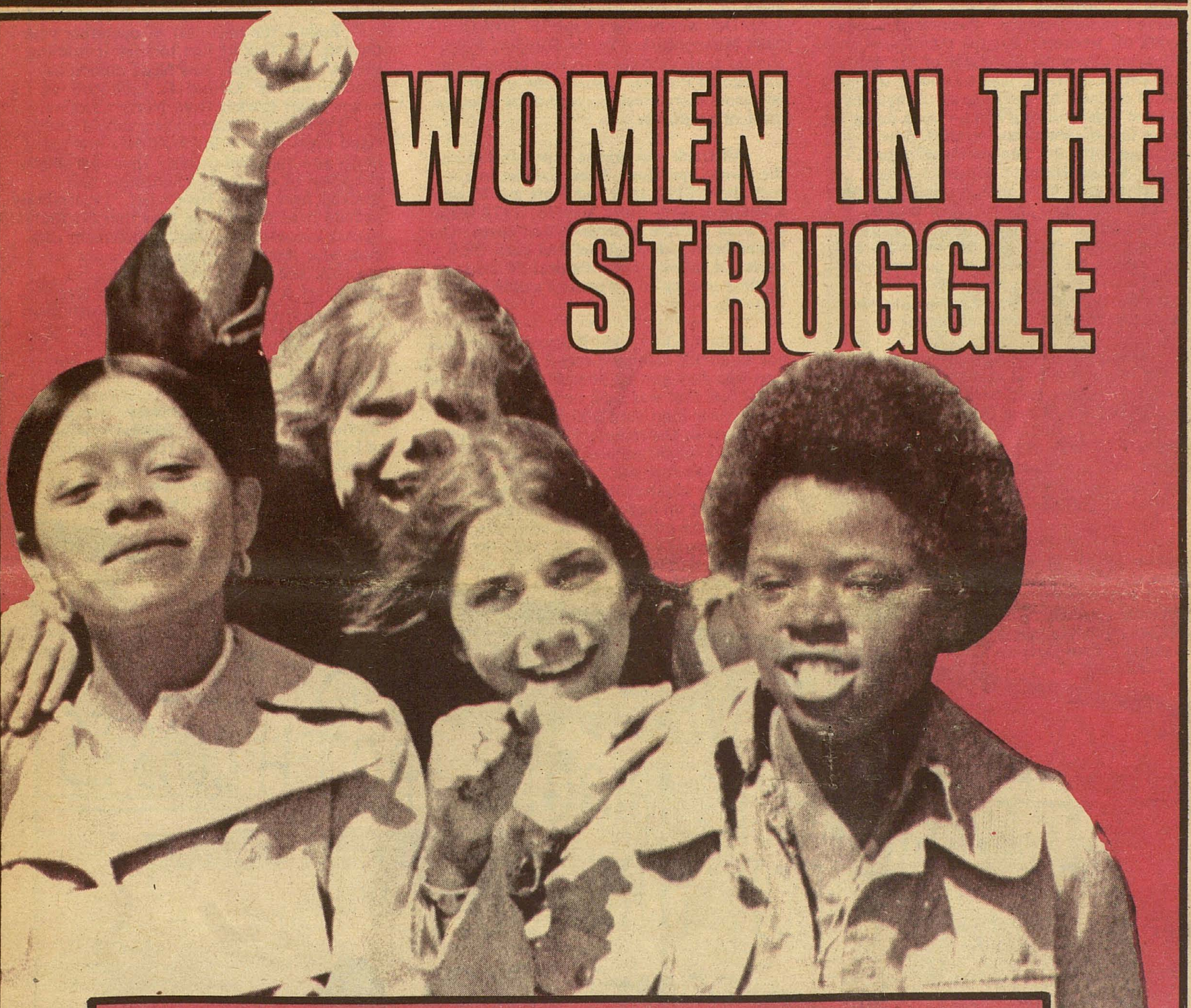

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THE TRUCKER STRIKE

"The truckers' strike is far from settled, as most of the grievances still exist. And just as the truckers stood up and fought back, so will thousands of others of us who won't be able to survive the way things are going now."

The independent truckers strike that lasted from January 31st to February 12th very nearly shut down the economy of the country. Government officials and newsmen pointed to the violence. Businessmen began laying off workers. But the public was generally sympathetic to the plight of the individual owner operator who was being squeezed out of business by the huge oil companies and the large trucking firms. Deep down inside lots of Americans wanted to be out there with the truckers fighting back against the government and the huge oil companies who have been making our lives so miserable. And the potential to win, if we are unified, was clearly there. If the truckers could shut down the highways and the workers the factories, the government would have to change its policies. But that's for the future, so let's examine what the whole truckers strike was about.

The truckers who initiated the strike are the ones who own and operate their own rigs. (Other truckers drive trucks owned by companies.) A new tractor costs between $21,000 – $32,000 and a trailor costs between $6,000 – $10,000. The owner operator usually buys them on a three or four year contract with payments between $500 – $1,000 per month.

Usually, an owner operator will enter into an agreement with a trucking firm to drive at a fixed rate for certain runs. The owner operator will then make a certain percentage (usually 75–80%) of what the company gets for making the run. An example: John Doe has his own tractor and trailer. Well, he might sign a three year contract to drive for Monopolistic Express Shipping Corporation and he will agree to drive from Chicago to Florida. John Doe will then get paid 75–80% of what Monopolistic Express Shipping Corp. charges their customers to ship goods from Chicago to Florida. Usually the owner operators carry steel or perishables (such as meat or produce).

All truck and license expenses fall on the owner operator. Tires, for instance, cost about $120 each and there are 18 on a tractor-trailer. Since May 15, 1973 there has been a 100% increase in fuel costs. On November 15, 1973 diesel fuel cost 28.9 cents per gallon. Now it's over 50 cents a gallon and up to 60 cents a gallon in some places.

Prior to the strike, the government was not allocating enough diesel fuel. Each truck stop was only getting 90% of the amount of diesel fuel that was used in 1972. So if Bill's Truck Stop used 300,000 gallons of diesel fuel in December 1972, then he would only get 270,000 gallons for December 1973. To make the fuel situation even worse for the owner operators, the large trucking firms were buying up huge supplies of diesel fuel and storing it until the truck stops ran out. When the truck stops ran out, then the large companies would only fill up their own trucks and the owner operators couldn't buy fuel.

One driver told Rising Up Angry that he was "working 12 hours a day for $1.50 an hour."

Besides the high cost of operating your own rig, the lack of fuel to keep it running, the owner operators also faced numerous other problems. George T. Appleyard, an independent trucker from North Carolina, put it this way: "Lawmakers should understand there is more involved than low speed limits and high fuel prices. These are simply the latest of a thousand hardships, and truckers have got to have relief. Frustrations include federal and state laws that discriminate against owner-drivers, law enforcement officials who commit outrageous acts against truckers, and federal and state agencies that never give us protection." On top of that, the Teamsters union, to which most truckers belong, has done nothing for the owner operators.

THE STRIKE

So on Wednesday, January 23rd in Washington, D.C. a newly formed coalition of independent truckers, Truckers Unity Committee, called for a shutdown by 12 midnight on January 31st. The shutdown was to demand: 1) a public audit of the oil companies;

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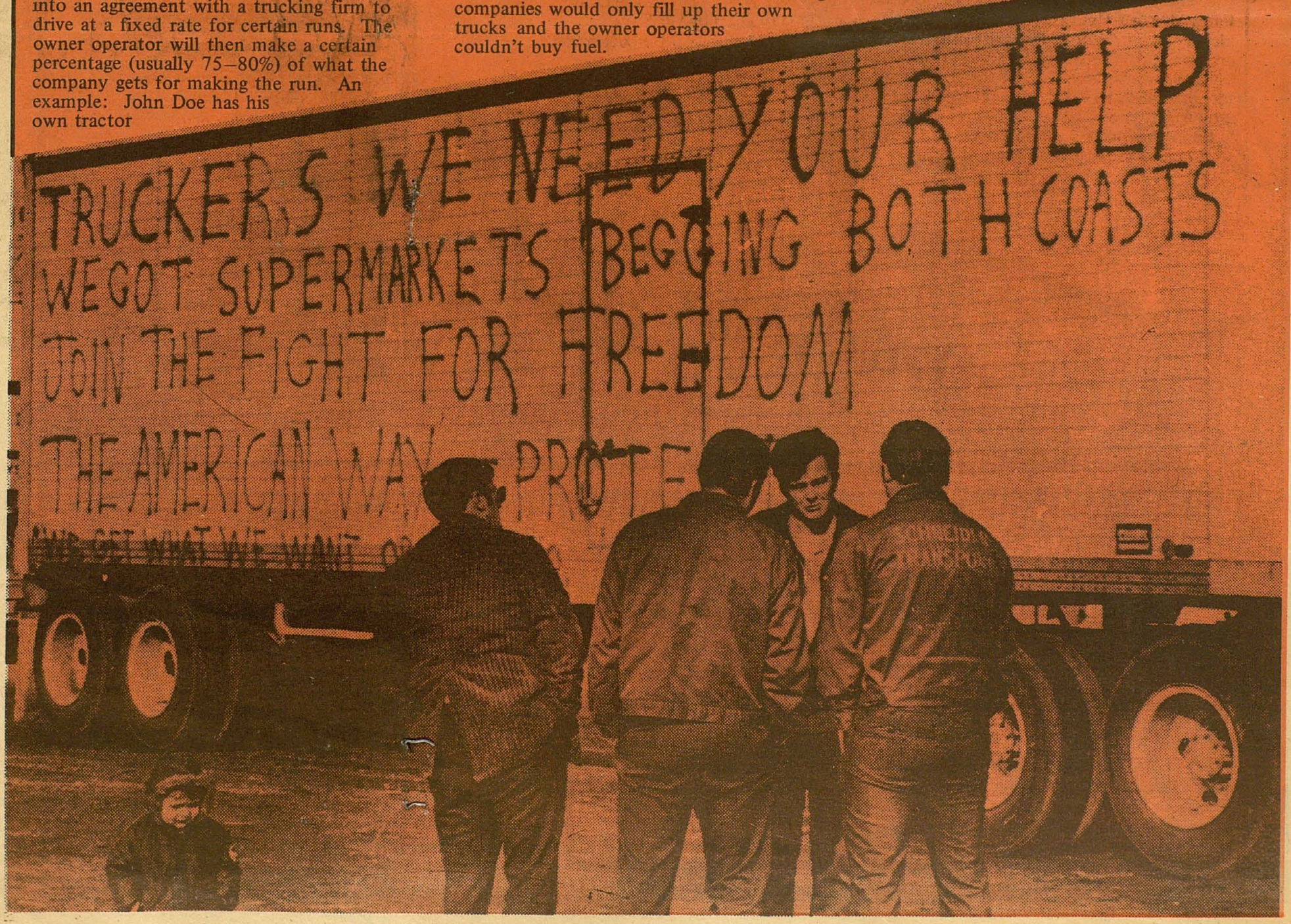

united farm workers boycotting jewel

For the last six months the United Farm Workers of America (AFL-CIO) and their supporters (including Rising Up Angry) have been urging Chicago area residents to boycott all Jewel supermarkets. The reason for this boycott is because Jewel is the largest supermarket chain in the midwest which buys non-union (UFW) picked lettuce and grapes. By pressuring Jewel to buy only UFW picked produce, we can help the farmworkers win union contracts with the growers. To inform people of the boycott, UFW members and supporters have set up picket lines in front of Jewel stores all across the city. So far the response has been very good – over 65,000 people have been turned away from Jewel stores in the past six months. It is estimated that this meant a loss of over $1,600,000 worth of business for Jewel.

Rising Up Angry has been actively supporting the Jewel boycott. In the last month we have been going door to door in the Logan Square, Lakeview, Albany Park and Little Village communities. We have gone to people's homes to explain about the UFW struggle and why people shouldn't shop at Jewel. This way we can turn people away from Jewel before they leave home.

On Friday, March 8th, Rising Up Angry will hold a mass picket line at the Jewel on Milwaukee Ave. and Washtenaw (2300 N. on Milwaukee) from 6–9 P.M.

On Saturday, March 16th, the United Farm Workers Union will hold a mass picket line at 5320 S. Pulaski from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. There will be people from Church groups, labor unions, civic organizations and hundreds of concerned people and organizations from all over the city. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to these two events and bring friends!!!

If you want to help in the door to door work, picketing, getting petitions signed, passing out leaflets, making banners or helping in any way, contact:

Rising Up Angry
472-1791 or stop in at the office at
1215 W. Belmont

or United Farm Workers of America
939-5121

SOME UNTITLED THOUGHTS ON THE UNITED FARM WORKERS OF AMERICA
by Diana Lyons, a farm worker

There's so much power
in this land resting in the grower's hands.
Why should woman,
child,
or man
bend their backs to work the land
to fill your table every day
and go home hungry anyway?
We've lived our lives as rented slaves,
worked us into early graves
but that's over now.
We've built a Union of our own. . .
built it with our blood and bone.
We've nurtured it and watched it grow
and we don't need no Einer Mohn
to tear it down and tell us "No".

All we ask
is what we earn.
All we need,
is that you learn
that every dollar
that you spend
can buy some justice
in the end
if you BOYCOTT LETTUCE
BOYCOTT GRAPES
to make the world a better place.
Don't disgrace us.
Don't buy the stuff.

* A Teamster official active in Teamster efforts to undermine the struggle of the United Farm Workers of America to organize California farm workers.

reprinted from "El Malcriado", Nov. 30, 1973

boycott Jewel!

police terrorize pregnant woman

(Cha Cha) Jose Jimenez, General Secretary of the Young Lords Organization released the following statement to the press today documenting police harassment of a pregnant Latino woman, Mrs. Gladys Mercado and calling for an immediate end to these acts, for the protection of Mrs. Mercado and her child.

"Gladys Mercado's home, at 933 W. Grace, has been raided three times within a six week period (December 17, 1973; January 27 and January 28, 1974) by the Chicago Police Department. Each time police have used force to enter her home and each time they have barged in with no visible warrant nor authorization from a judge. Though the door has been broken down illegally, nothing illegal has been discovered in the apartment and no arrests were made.

"The Campaign for Community Control and the Young Lords Organization are concerned with Mrs. Mercado's health. She is eight months pregnant, has been taken to emergency rooms of two different hospitals immediately following each raid, has had her back injured when police pushed in her door, and has been told by her obstetrician that any more excitement would cause her to lose her child. She has placed a formal complaint with the Internal Affairs Division of the Police Department but later, because of fear of more harassment she decided to withdraw the complaint.

"We are asking all concerned people to demand that the police harassment of Mrs. Mercado STOP immediately. Because of her medical condition, this is an emergency. In the near future, further legal action will be taken in respect to these obvious violations of her civil and human rights. The life of Mrs. Mercado and her child at the present time, depend on whether or not there is continued harassment by the Chicago Police Department."

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BENEFIT DANCE

for the

★ Orlando Quintana Defense Committee

Sat. March 2, 1974

music, food, prizes

7:00p.m.-?

at the Fraternidad Cidrena

1305 N. Milwaukee

For tickets –

Call the Association House 276-0084
or Rising Up Angry 472-1791

Tickets are $3.00 per person
$5.00 per couple
$3.50 per person at the door

The dance is to help raise money to pay the legal costs of investigating the death of Orlando Quintana who was murdered last summer by an off-duty policeman.

chicago shelter homes HALFWAY TO NOWHERE

In the next six months a number of the large Mental Health Hospitals in the state of Illinois will be closed down. Theoretically, patients will be transferred to community based mental health facilities. Yet there are very few adequate facilities and the citizens of the various communities have not been involved in the planning of these operations. There is not enough money, not enough trained staff and not enough facilities to handle all of the mentally ill people in the state. The following art. a brief analysis of the situation we find ourselves in today.

It has now been charged that the Director of Mental Health for Illinois, Dr. Leroy Levitt, is sitting on 83 million dollars that has been earmarked for Mental Health. If this money is not spent by the end of this fiscal year, June 1974, the funds will be returned to the state. While this money is sitting idle, community facilities, shelter homes, institutions and half-way houses all over the state are crying for more funds. At the same time that these funds are being held up, the large mental health institutions are being closed down. The Department of Mental Health is moving to reduce the number of patients in the Department's institutions by at least 70%. Peoria State Hospital has already been closed and plans are going ahead to close two or three additional state mental hospitals. The Clark Locust Community Clinic and many similar centers across the state are to be closed by this summer. State care and responsibility for mental health care is being turned over to private "profit making" agencies. However, at this point, no extra funds have been turned over to these agencies to pick up the sudden extra load.

At a public hearing on mental health on February 13th of this year, Dr. Levitt announced his plan for a new partnership between the state and local communities in providing mental health services. The kind of a partnership he envisions became clear when he said that an increase of real estate taxes will be needed as state run services are transferred to private, community-based agencies. At this meeting, State Senator Esther Saperstein questioned what legal authority Levitt had to "relieve the state of its statutory responsibility of running mental health programs without legislative mandate to do so."

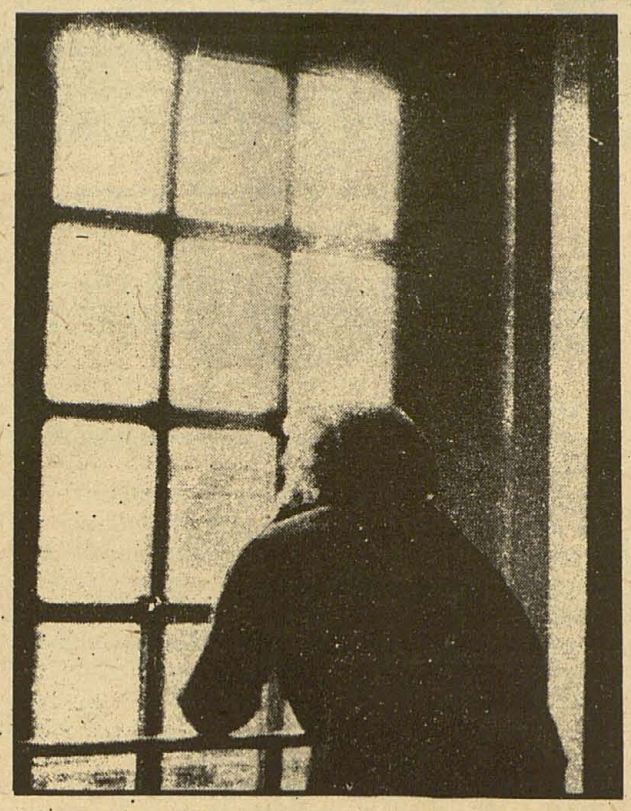
Levitt, on one hand, is sitting on approximately 83 million dollars of allocated funds for mental health and, on the other hand, he is announcing local taxes must go up to pay for mental health services.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES

It is important to study the kind of facility which will be replacing the large mental hospitals. A year and a half ago the Chicago Sun Times, Channel 7, and members of the Better Government Association investigated the situation in a number of the Shelter homes here in Chicago. Here are some of their findings:

1). One of the reasons for releasing patients from the large institutions was to return them to their original communities. However, the Chicago Board of Health figures show that Uptown has 61% of the total mental health patients (living in half-way houses, old hotels, etc.) and 72% of all half-way house beds in the city.

2). The state was turning over responsibility to private institutions because it was costing the state an estimated $558 a month and private institutions were only spending $105. Gene Caldwell, administrator at the Belden Manor Shelter Home said, "Only a home with a large population can ever hope



to make a profit and still provide care that is somewhat respectable. We have 564 beds here and have yet to show a profit...Yet in terms of what a half-way house is supposed to be, large numbers of people living in a large building and crowded into small rooms is counterproductive... The large facility is too much like the institution the person just left and often there is less care available. The small amounts of money paid by the state attract profiteers who don't give any service. You can make a profit then."

3). For many of the patients in the state sponsored shelter home industry, the shelter home may be a good storage bin or a bad one, but either way, it often remains a storage bin.

4). There is, in general, a lack of staff, funds, programs, and therapy. The major form of therapy is drugs. There were confusing procedures at one shelter care home for distributing drugs to residents. As a result some missed their medications, some got the wrong medication, and others contend they were given double doses.

5). For many, life in these homes means few, if any, rehabilitative programs, little treatment, spending long days sitting in crowded lobbies or day rooms, bored, withdrawn, and untouched. An estimated 70% of the discharged patients placed in Uptown Shelter homes have eventually wound up back in state hospitals. But as these hospitals close down, where will these people be sent to in the future?

These are just some of the problems facing patients in Shelter Homes. The list could also include forced labor, peoples' personal finances being tampered with, bad food, the homes being in a physical state of disrepair, etc. Even some of the better homes could greatly benifit from more funds , more staff, programs for the training of staff, and programs for the entertainment of the patients. There should be an increase in the availiability of work therapy programs where patients get paid decent wages.

All of these shelter homes, even the best, still face tremendous problems with their relations with the communities in which they are located. Most of the problems result from the fact that the community has never been thoroughly educated, advised, counseled, or included in plans for Shelter Homes. Often the community finds patients are dumped in their neighborhoods without any advance notice. As there is little for patients to do in the homes, many patients will spend time wandering the streets. Because there has been no citizen education program to accompany the shelter homes, many residents become afraid and outraged at the presence of former mental patients in their neighborhood.

Until these problems are cleared up, the dismantling of the state's mental health system and the rapid discharging of patients from large institutions to the community should be stopped. There should be an analysis of individual communities, their available resources and establishment of "Community Planning Councils" to help with the planning and setting up of services in the communtiy. The Department of Mental Health must be responsible for assuring adequate funding, ongoing monitoring and support of these community based facilities. The $83 million is there, but the Illinois Department of Mental Health must be forced to release these badly needed funds.

20 different Mental Health groups have called for "An Emergency State Conference to Save Mental Health in Illinois" on Saturday, March 2nd, at 10:00 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. All concerned citizens are welcome.

Sitting in the lobby is a favorite pastime for many residents of shelter homes.If one gets up, the seat is quickly taken by another.

New Top Cop Means Nothing's New

editorial

To no one's surprise James M. Rochford was appointed Superintendent of Chicago's Police Department. His appointment was no surprise simply because Rochford being Superintendent instead of Conlisk is no change or, more importantly, no improvement. Rochford, who joined the department in 1947, had been acting Superintendent since James Conlisk resigned under pressure late last year. Previously, Rochford was first deputy superintendent for 4 years. In other words, James M. Rochford is part of the team. That is, the political team headed up by none other than Richard J. Daley. That is the same team that James Conlisk headed that is well known for its corruption, brutality, and racism.

The appointment of Rochford means that only the name at the top of the roster has changed, but the rules are the same. Those rules are that the police will serve and protect the business interests and the interests of the wealthy and powerful at the expense of the rights of most of us hard working citizens. Listening to Rochford talk about all his new programs - greater minority representation, lie detector tests, a reshuffling at the top, and a return to one man patrol cars - you might get the impression he is a liberal reformer. Hardly! His programs, if they are actually put into gear, will merely bring the Chicago Police Department into the Twentieth Century.

Rochford has been opposed by many citizens groups, including Rising Up Angry, who have been concerned about police reform. The basis for opposition to Rochford is that he is part of the machine. The appointment of Rochford is Mayor Daley's way of telling the concerned citizens of Chicago that he doesn't give a damn what we think - he's going to run the police department the way he always has.

Rochford's new position is especially repulsive to Rising Up Angry because of an experience we had with him. In June, 1972, we went to the 14th and 15th district police community relations meeting. We went to the meeting with over a hundred members of that community to point out the police brutality in that district. We were attacked with chairs and fists by off duty police officers. After we had been attacked and 6 people were beaten and arrested, it was then Deputy Superintendent Rochford who announced to the news media that the leadership of Rising Up Angry would be indicted. Of course, there was nothing to indict us for, so he couldn't live up to his threats. We saw what kind of person he was and how concerned he was about ending police brutality.

While we do hope that the new reforms will limit the brutality and corruption in Chicago, we are convinced that there will be no fundamental changes in police attitudes and practices until there is formalized citizens control of the police.

There is a citywide campaign for community control of the police that is attempting to get the 175,000 signatures necessary to get a referendum put on the ballot in 1975. This referendum would give the citizens of Chicago a chance to vote for a law that would create an elected citizens board to control the police. We think that this is the way to change the way the Chicago police department thinks and acts.

letters to Rising Up Angry

BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION PROGRAM ENDED

Forrest Gustave
No. 85392-132
P.O. Box 4000
Springfield, Mo. 65802
February 5, 1974

Rising Up Angry

Dear Brothers & Sisters: Greetings!

S.T.A.R.T. has Stopped!

The officials have informed us that Project S.T.A.R.T. is officially closed and will be phased out within 30 days.

The reason(s) for terminating S.T.A.R.T. was not made known to us; nevertheless, on behalf of the other Brothers and myself I want to express my deep appreciation to the Beautiful People who were concerned enough to aid us in our struggle!

Yours in Revolution,
Forrest Gustave

All Power to the People!

SENIOR CITIZENS FIGHT SALES TAX ON FOOD

Dear Rising Up Angry:

The Senior's Alert Assembly, a Social Action Committee of Senior-Citizens representing 22 clubs and having a membership of approximately 4000, have started a campaign to have the State of Illinois abolish the 5% sales tax.

With the cost of food going up and up each week and no assurance that it won't go higher, we feel that the people of the State of Illinois should not have the added burden of the 5% sales tax on food.

It is doubly hard on the Senior Citizens, the poor and needy who live on a fixed income and can barely make ends meet, to have to pay a 5% tax on the food they buy. New York, California, Wisconsin Florida are a few of the many states that do not have a sales tax on food.

We invite your organization to participate with us in this important endeavor. A coalition of as many Senior Citizens' clubs as possible will assure us of a final victory and again prove that there is such a thing as Senior-Power.

Very truly yours,
Matt Rottner, Ad. Chrm.
Sales Tax Committee

P.S. We want older people to be of service for a picket line in front of some of Jewel Stores. If you so care to participate with us, get in touch with Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle, and ask for Carol Murphy, 649-5580.

SOLDIER FROM FT. RILEY SEES LIGHT

Dear Rising Up Angry:

To whom it may concern, I was blinded by this man's army for 14 months. But now I have really found out what I am about, and how this Racist Country is trying to separate us brothers and sisters. But thanks to your paper and others like it, I can really see once again how this government is really putting chains on people's minds like yours and mine. I hope others will realize it.

I'm at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Right here you can really feel and see the racism around, be you Black, white, Mexican. I am a Black man and I am proud to be. That is one thing that pigs cannot take from me. Be Black and Proud.

Bro. Jerry
Fort Riley, Kansas

YELLOW CAB DRIVER SPEAKS OUT

Dear Rising Up Angry:

Yellow Cab Company is probably one of the worst companies you could ever choose to work for.

When you start with them, a certain mentality is drummed into you by the dispatcher (company man) and those who do the training. They want you to hustle, drive fast, cut off other drivers and pedestrians, do whatever you can to make money for the company, no matter how many lives you endanger. They also demand that you bring in fifty dollars a shift. This takes 10-12 hours of straight driving, unless you are lucky. After so many hours at the wheel you get tired and make mistakes and get traffic tickets. If you don't have the money to pay the bond, then they take your license. You're caught in a bind. Unlike CTA, Yellow Cab does nothing in terms of getting you a lawyer for court or helping you out.

There is also another hassle on the job--the fear of being robbed. With so many people strung out on drugs these days, cab drivers are easy prey for a brother with a habit. Yet most Yellow Cabs do not have radios in them to call in a robbery, and if you carry a gun, then you run the risk of being arrested. You're damned if you do and damned if you don't. Also if you are robbed, the company treats it like it is your mistake. You have to make up the money.

One other thing about Yellow Cab is the condition of the cabs. Often they have bad brakes, need shocks or have some other safety hazard. And if you're not "booking" enough money a shift, then the dispatcher will give you one of these bad cabs as punishment. Also, if the cab is in bad condition, then the ride is rough on the passengers, and you don't get tipped. Like one brother told me the other day, "If you stay with this company, you're crazy. This job will make you nuts, a vegetable in no time at all."

A Yellow Cab driver,
Chicago, Illinois

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women's athletic facilities stolen
STORM BREWING AT CURIE HIGH SCHOOL

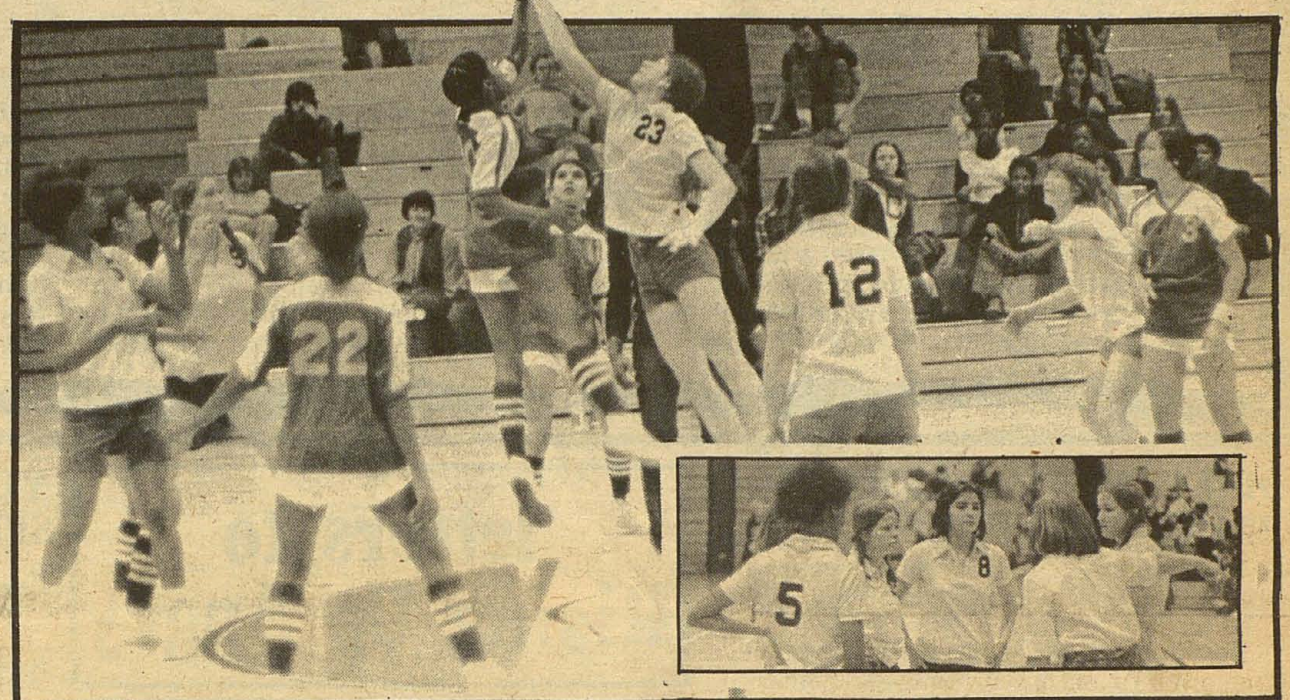
In the January 13, 1974 issue of Rising Up Angry there was an article called "Women and Sports" that described some of the discrimination women face in the world of sports, from the junior high school to the professional level. After reading the article some people from Curie High School informed Rising Up Angry about the unfair treatment in athletics that girls are facing - and fighting - at Curie. Here is the story.

Madame Curie is a new, modern public school on the southwest side. Its students formerly attended Kelly, Kennedy, Hubbard, and Gage Park. The 2500 students are evenly split between boys and girls, and the school is as well integrated as any in Chicago. The school facilities, including the physical education department, are at least as good as those at any other public school. In fact, it is the physical education department that brought many students, boys and girls, from their old schools. "If it hadn't been for the phys. ed. department here, I never would have left Kennedy," said one sister.

When the school year began last September, the six women phys. ed. teachers posted lists of all potential teams and sports for girls to sign up for - ranging from basketball to swimming, volleyball, track and field, tennis and many others. The response was overwhelming. For example, more than 60 girls signed up for varsity basketball alone. In all, more girls signed up for more teams and more sports than boys did. One of the main reasons for this was the women teachers and coaches in the phys. ed. department. The coaches, all experienced, some having competed internationally, showed a real concern and interest for the girls in the school. The girls picked this up and realized they had an opportunity to really get into sports - something that is normally almost impossible for most girls in America.

The Curie athletic department uses six gyms that are part of the school but are owned by the Chicago Park District. According to the blueprints for the new school, and when the year began, the six gyms were evenly divided between the boys and the girls, both for in-school classes and after-school team practices. There were no restrictions on the sports for girls. So the school year began well - not everything was as good as it could have been (the girls gyms were not properly furnished, for example) - but these things were attributed to the ironing out of kinks in a new school. The inadequacies were more than made up for by the enthusiasm of the girls and the women in the phys. ed. department.

When everyone returned after Christmas vacation, however, the Park District announced that it wanted three of the six gyms back after school hours for other uses. The three gyms that it got were the three girls gyms. As a result, all after school practices, including use of the pool, for girls teams was eliminated. Besides cramping the varsity and junior varsity teams, this wiped out any possibility of a popular intramural program for girls. The girls teams are now expected to hold practices during specially allocated periods during the school day - periods totalling not more than three hours a week for each team. And because Curie is run on a staggered attendance system - with different students coming at different times - it is very difficult to get a whole team practicing together. Promises of a proper sports program for girls began turning sour.



Curie High School girls' team plays its second (and last) home game in the school gym, in uniforms paid for by their coach. Despite lack of opportunity to practice, they defeated a spirited Tuley team, 38-28.

Other inequities began popping up in the athletic depatment - some small, some not so small. Some of the gyms are bigger than others. Despite administration promises to divide them equally, the boys ended up with the larger ones. Equipment for girls that was badly needed still didn't arrive. They played volleyball for months without a net or standards, making a team impossible. While the boys had uniforms for all sports, the girls had one set (which they paid for themselves) for all their teams. Both the boys and the girls phys. ed. departments had been provided with visitors locker rooms. But the boys basketball team ended up using the girls' visitors locker room, leaving 9/10ths of the lockers unused and forcing visiting teams, or in one case a professional dance troupe, to use the smaller lockers in the girls locker room. Instructional sports films, half of which were to be ordered for the girls, turned out being all for the boys. Even the cheerleaders are forced to practice in a hallway rather than a gym. And on and on.

Nevertheless, the girls phys. ed. department went on the best it could. In some cases, the coaches used their own money to buy uniforms or to defray other expenses. And the attendance at girls home games (infrequent because they are scheduled only when boys teams aren't using the gyms or pool to practice) was good and the teams were doing well.

At one point, the girls began petitions asking the principal, Dr. Kelly, to get the gyms back from the Park District. Well over a thousand students signed the petitions, including many guys. Most guys, and the boys phys. ed. department, seemed to feel that girls deserved good facilities, but didn't want to give up any of their own. Anyway, nothing happened.

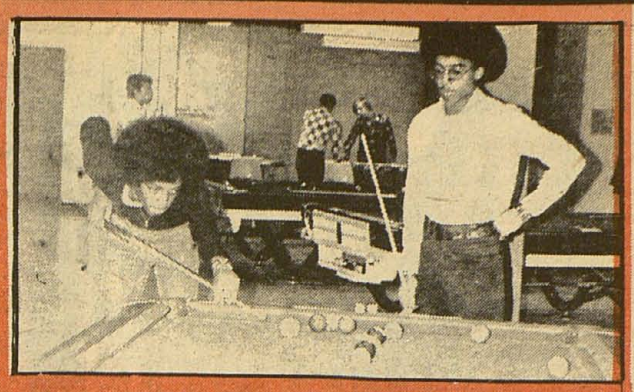
Finally the girls, through the student Ms. club, called on Dr. Kelly to come to a meeting to explain why the girls were being discriminated against. Over two hundred students showed up. Dr. Kelly said that the boys program was established and he wasn't going to take anything away from them. He said the girls would have to develop their program. He didn't say how they were supposed to do this without facilities. He said boys sports in season would always have priority over girls for use of facilities. Then he said he would never cut the program 50-50 unless ordered to do so. Finally he told the students not to take any action about the situation, or they would get people mad and lose what little they have. Then he left.

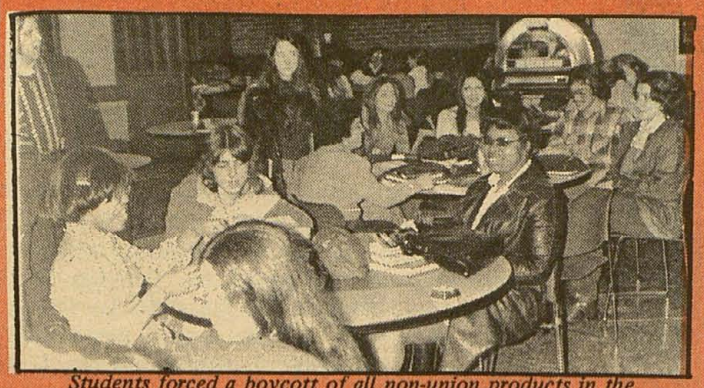
The girls weren't satisfied, of course, and a group of them followed him down the hall to his office. After the meeting, there was talk of protests. But the next morning, the assistant principal got word to the girls phys. ed. department and warned that any action might lead to a complete loss of field use for the spring.

The attitudes of Dr. Kelly, the school administration, and the Park District are out of the dark ages. They seem to feel that girls somehow don't need or deserve equal athletic facilities. They seem to think that sports isn't as good for girls as it is for boys, or that girls aren't as good athletes. Both these ideas are myths. Sports is good for women, and, given the chance, they excel at sports. They seem to think girls aren't as interested in sports. They must not have talked to Carol Albor, or Rose Perez, or Ernestina Ruvalcaba, Kathy Skupien, Sandy Gelbuda, Colleen Tracy, Sue Wesolowski, Laura Garca, Angie McClory or the hundreds of other girls at Curie H. S. who play on teams or want to get into sports, but are being held back.

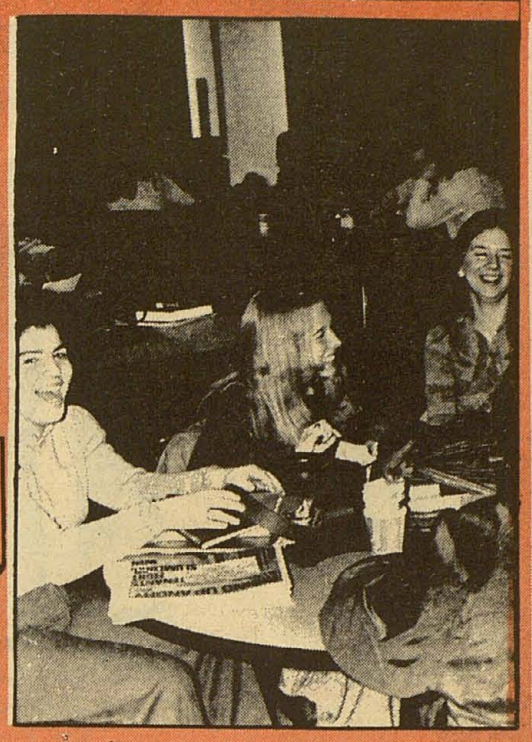
This doesn't mean, of course, that boys don't deserve good athletic facilities - they do. The best available. But so do girls. The actions of Dr. Kelly, the administration, and the Park District are not only archaic and oppressive, they are also illegal. Still, they cling to their myths about women and sports and hope that the problem will go away - that women will accept being treated like second-class citizens. They won't. Women, and men, across the country are fighting in every area of life to see that women receive equal treatment. The world of sports is no exception. And the fight at Curie H. S. is far from over.

Some of the out of sight brothers and sisters who work at the student station WRNE.





Students forced a boycott of all non-union products in the campus cafeteria.



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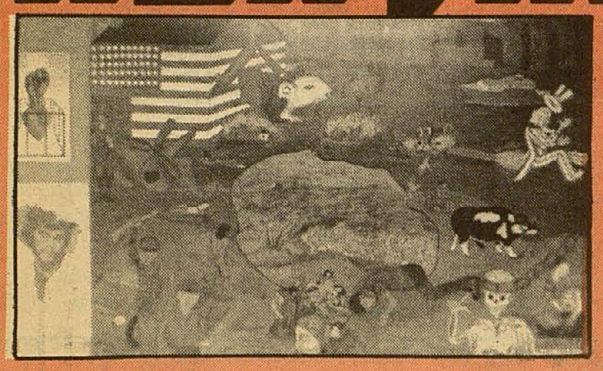


Wall mural was donated to the Union for Puerto Rican Students.

Northeastern Illinois University, located at the corner of Bryn Mawr and St. Louis on the northwest side of Chicago, is a rapidly growing school with numerous branches throughout Cook County. In the period of a few short years, Northeastern Illinois University has grown from a small State Teachers College to a multi-curricular university. A new Science and Technology building and a classrooms building were recently completed, and construction of a Commuter Center, a student lounge, is currently in progress. The present campus enrollment is about 7,500 students, 15% of which are Third World (non white). (The vast majority of students don't live around Northeastern, but commute back and forth every day.) 63% of the total enrollment at Northeastern Illinois University is women.

In the past, students at Northeastern have been involved in a wide range of activities and projects, from a strong anti-war movement to, just recently, a successful struggle led by the United Farm Workers to remove all non-union products from the campus cafeteria. This struggle was endorsed by various student and teacher support groups, including the UPRS (Union for Puerto Rican Students), the newly formed Chicano Caucus, the Student Government, and hundreds of signatures on petitions. (See RUA Vol. 5, No. 9). In the past there have been various speakers at the university, including Jane Fonda, Tom Hayden and others.

Today there are several on-going activities that students are involved in. We will mention just a few.

The Northeastern Illinois University Campus has a unique feature in WRNE, an on-campus radio station which will be going on FM radio in the near future. The brothers and sisters who work here understand the importance of getting good music to the people, while at the same time presenting news of peoples' struggles in the U.S. and the world. They also understand the nature of the commercialized AM and FM radio stations and are determined to develop WRNE into a station which serves the true needs and interests of the people.

Another project which is constantly organizing on campus is the UPRS (Union for Puerto Rican Students). The UPRS came about during the fall of 1970 in response to the need for Puerto Rican students to organize and unite, "not just socially or culturally, but in the most meaningful ways possible, educationally and politically". UPRS has successfully developed a Latin Student Recruitment Program known as 'PROYECTO PALANTE' which is presently in its second year and has recruited approximately 175 students.

There is also a Vet's Club on campus which informs veterans, who make up 29% of Northeastern Illinois University's enrollment, of their V.A. rights, when these rights change, or when there are new programs that veterans can qualify for. The Club is currently involved in lobbying for G.I. benefits in both Springfield and Washington.

Although the majority of students here are not involved in struggling around any major issues, the results of a MINI–POLL conducted by the Northeastern PRINT between Jan. 31 and Feb. 4, show that out of 241 students and faculty members questioned, 71% believe that President Nixon should be impeached, 22% are against impeachment, and 7% had no opinion.

Northeastern also has a wide range of sports teams and activities. The Girl's Volleyball team, coached by Mr. Gusik, took 1st place in the regional championships. The Men's Basketball team is in 1st place in their conference, and the Men's Swim team has a record of 14–3 for the season.

The Commuter Center is responsible for setting up various activities, such as films, speakers, concerts, etc. On February 28th at 1 P.M. in the auditorium, Dick Gregory will be speaking for free. And on March 19th, Foghat will be giving a concert at 8 P.M.

While many people have said that all students are apathetic and don't care about what goes on in the world around them, it's obvious from this brief outline of ongoing activities at Northeastern that there are still plenty of students who do care and are involved. Certainly, there's plenty of things to do at Northeastern Illinois University for the student who wants to; and as more and more students get involved in some of these progressive activities, we'll all be hearing a lot more about the students at Northeastern College.

The Women's Studies Board at Northeastern University is sponsoring a 3-hour program about International Women's Day on Thursday, March 7 from 1-4 PM in the Lecture Hall on the 1st Floor of Classrooms Building.

NO ONE'S EVE TO KEEP ME DO

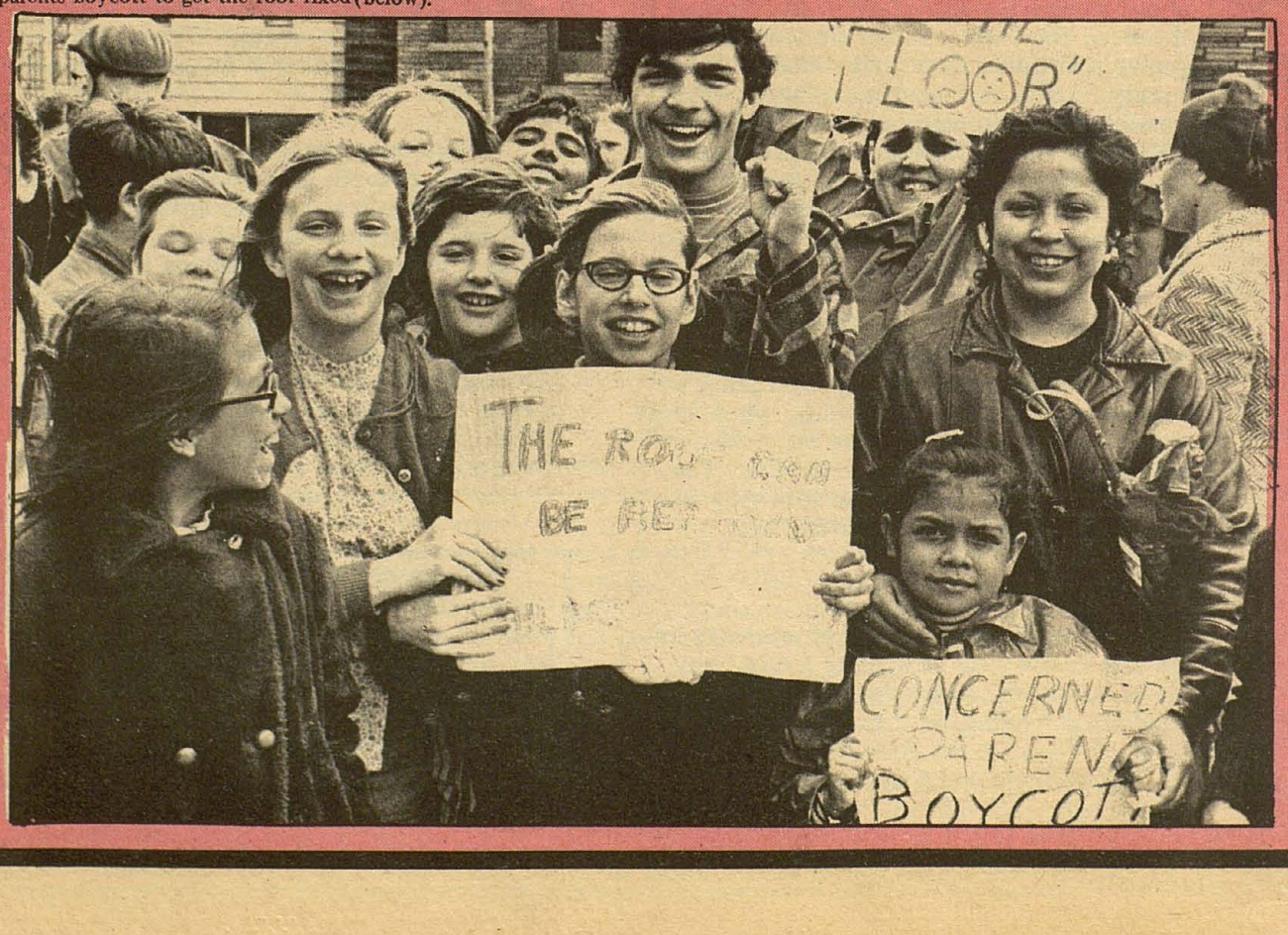
I am woman, hear me roar
In numbers to big to ignore
And, I know too much to go back and pretend.
'Cause I've heard it all before
And, I've been down there on the floor.
No one's ever going to keep me down again.

Throughout our history, women have fought and died for dignity and respect. We won the right to speak in public, to own property, and sign petitions. Continuing the struggle, we fought for the right to vote, gained positions in unions, and were leadership in the anti-slavery movement. In 1844, Margaret Fuller, who was one of the most influential women of her day, explained what women were (and are) demanding: "We would have every arbitrary barrier thrown down. We would have every path open to Woman as freely as to Man...then and then only will mankind be ripe for this, when inward and outward freedom for Woman as much as Man shall be acknowledged as a right, not yielded as a concession." The women's movement has been growing and fighting for the same things Ms. Fuller so beautifully outlined.

Women pressuring legislatures, pressuring the courts, pressuring the schools, our employers, our husbands, our boyfriends, our sons; women educating our sisters everywhere. We have been able to bring about a new consciousness among women. We have won very important victories. And we have seen that our struggle for equality and liberation is part of the world wide movement for the liberation of all human beings.

1973 was a year where we won many things. Women recently won a settlement against AT&T, which forced the company to pay their women and minority employees $38 million dollars in back pay because of AT&T's discriminatory practices. This was the largest settlement of its kind so far, and other women learning about this victory against AT&T will now have more courage to fight for equality for themselves. Yet, on the average, women are paid only 59.9% (3/5) of what men earn for similar work.

Sisters at Richards H.S. protest Board of Education cuts in Music Art and Gym classes (above). Audobon School students and their parents boycott to get the roof fixed (below).



1973 was the year of the first woman commercial pilot, the first woman power company mechanic, the first woman high ranking police officer, the first women dockworkers, and so on. But there are still too many jobs closed to women.

In 1973, the United States Supreme Court ruled that women could not be forced to leave their job in the fourth or fifth month of pregnancy. This is a big step forward, but how many sisters do you know who are still getting laid off for being pregnant?

Before 1973, 10,000 women died every year of illegal abortions. Now women have won the right to an abortion on demand. Yet abortions are still unavailable to many women because of the high costs, the unwillingness of some doctors to perform abortions, and the ignorance of many men. There is a concerted campaign to outlaw abortions again. And on the other hand, many doctors have used abortions as a way to sterilize (without permission) some of our sisters.

Despite these gains and the changing attitudes towards women, it is obvious that we still have a long ways to go to gain our freedom.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 1974

You can bend, but never break me
'Cause it only serves to make me
More determined to achieve my final goal.
And I'll come back even stronger
Not a novice any longer
For you've deepened the conviction in my soul.

International Women's Day began on March 8, 1908 in New York, when thousands of women garment workers marched to demand the 8 hour day, women's suffrage, better working conditions and legislation against child labor. All over the world people celebrate this day as a tribute to women's fighting spirit, to enjoy our victories and to look forward to the steps we still have to take in our struggle for justice for all people.

This year in Chicago, International Women's Day is being celebrated on Saturday, March 9th. On that day the International Women's Day Coalition (of which Rising Up Angry is a member) will hold a march that starts at 12 noon at the Board of Trade (LaSalle and Jackson), and will go to the Civic Center for a rally. All women and men are invited to come out and support our sisters and ourselves.

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There are 8 demands that we will be making on that march. These are the things we will be fighting for throughout the next year.

1). PASS THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (ERA) This amendment to the United States Constitution would make it illegal to discriminate against women in any way. Although its passage will not guarantee equality, it will be an important tool in our struggle. So far 33 states have passed the amendment and only 5 more states need to pass it to make it law. We have to keep the pressure on.

2) .PASS PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION FOR ALL WORKERS. Many employers will try to use the passage of the ERA as an excuse to force women to do unsafe jobs. Some will also try to lower men's wages rather than raising women's. So we must fight for laws that protect all workers–men and women–from unsafe jobs, too long hours, etc.

3). END FORCED STERILIZATION. Women on welfare and even minors have been sterilized in government programs. These programs have acted in a racist, genocidal (killing of a race) way, because most of the women sterilized have been Black, and were not informed about the operation being performed on them. Every woman has a right to determine whether or not she will have children. We cannot allow our fight for abortion on demand to be turned against us as a weapon of murder by racist, unscrupulous doctors and welfare authorities!

4). ROLL BACK PRICES ON FOOD, FUEL AND OTHER NECESSITIES TO AUGUST,1971 LEVELS (PRE-PHASE 1) AND MAKE SURE SUPPLIES ARE AVAILABLE. In August, 1971 President Nixon announced his New Economic Policy where he said he would freeze wages and prices. In fact, he froze wages and allowed prices to skyrocket to all time highs. We want the prices rolled back to where Nixon said they were going to be forzen and, furthermore, we are demanding that the government force the large monopolies to produce enough to go around. No more phoney meat or gas shortages!

5). RELEASE FUNDS FOR DAYCARE AND OTHER HUMAN SERVICES. The Nixon administration has cut school lunches, cancer research, aid for mentally retarded children, mental health programs and much more. The quality of life is deteriorating and this must be turned around. In order to be free to work, women need quality daycare centers for our children. All of this takes money which is being funneled into production of military tools of destruction.

6). AN ADEQUATE WELFARE GRANT WITH ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCES WHEN NECESSARY. Many of our sisters who are heads of families are dependent on the welfare system for survival. But the government has been cutting back the welfare budgets to inhuman levels. We need to have welfare grants that allow people to live decent lives.

7). SUPPORT WOMEN'S STRUGGLE TO UNIONIZE, SUCH AS THE FARAH STRIKE, THE FARM WORKERS STRIKE AND OTHER STRIKES. There are more unorganized women workers than men, but in some areas, women have been in the forefront of organizing struggles. We can give our support to the Farah Strike (striking textile workers in Texas) by boycotting all Farah pants. In support of the United Farm Workers (striking farmworkers) we should boycott all Jewel Food Stores and all non-union lettuce and grapes. We should support all of our sisters who are trying to unionize to win more rights on the job.

8). IMPEACH NIXON AND THROW OUT THE POLICIES HE REPRESENTS. From bombing women and children in Indochina to humiliating women reporters for wearing pantsuits to cutting back funds for daycare centers, it is clear that Nixon and his policies are anti-women. In fact Nixon's policies are anti-people. He has demonstrated that he has no respect for human beings or human life. As the carriers of human life, women must fight for the removal of this madman.

These demands make it clear that the womens' struggle is far from over. And the demonstration on March 9th will be one more way of making it clear that women, in our struggle for human freedom, cannot and will not be stopped.

I am woman, watch me grow
See me standing toe to toe
And I'll spread my loving arms across the land.
But I'm still an embryo
With a long, long way to go
Until I make my brothers understand.

Oh, yes, I am wise
But it's wisdom born of pain.
Yes I'll pay the price
But look how much I'll gain.
If I have to
I can face anything'
I am strong,
I am invincible,
I am woman.

SISTERS JOIN THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DAY MARCH meeting at 12 NOON, SATURDAY, March 9, at the Board of Trade (La Salle and Jackson) and going to the Civic Center for a rally.

March 7 (Thursday) at 11:00 a.m. there will be a meeting demanding public hearings on the price of milk –at the Federal Milk Market Administration, 72 West Adams.

At 1:00 p.m. that day, there will be a demonstration at the State of Illinois Building, 160 N. La Salle St., making demands for welfare rights.

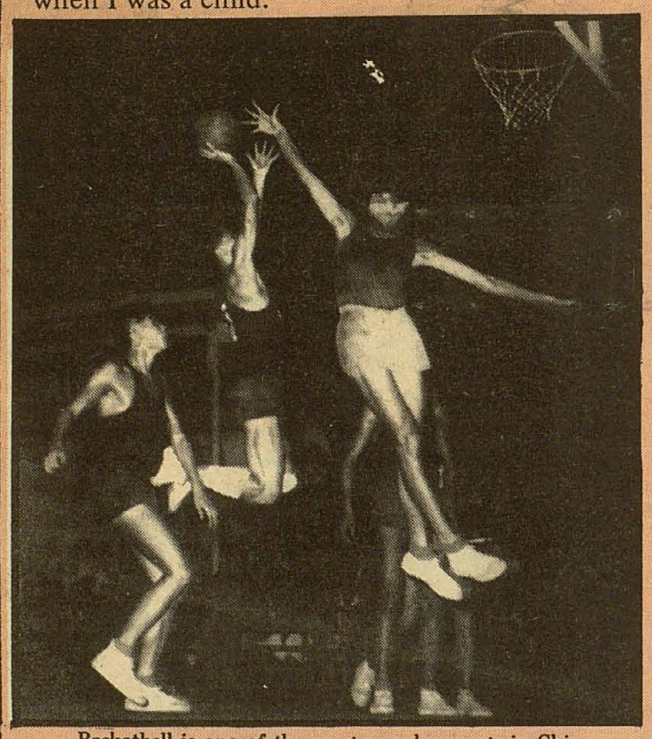
"Winning is everything - the only thing."
American sports slogan (Vince Lombardi)

"Friendship first - competition second."
Chinese sports slogan

Sports in China

A large percentage of the Americans who have visited China in the past two years have been athletes. As a result, some of us have caught glimpses of ping-pong or basketball competition inside China on TV. But many questions remain - what is sports like in China? Who plays? Why isn't China in the Olympics?

The Chinese people are probably the most enthusiastic people in the world about sports. They enjoy most of the same sports we do - such as swimming, basketball, ping-pong (the three most popular), ice hockey, track, soccer, volleyball, motorcycle racing, ice skating, horse racing, gymnastics, mountain climbing, skiing, sky-diving, tennis, badminton, archery, target shooting, cycling, speed boat racing. And other sports we never heard of - such as "wu shu" (similar to karate), springboard, or grenade throwing. Almost all of these sports, however, are new to the Chinese people. Before the revolution of 1949, sports were nearly non-existent in China. Yueh Shing-Chang, now 40 and a school coach in Hangchow, explains what it used to be like: "There were no sports then, not before the Liberation in 1949. We had one ball at my school, I don't remember what kind. We lived near a reservoir but no one swam. We were very poor, we had no energy to play, just to survive. My father and mother were beggars. My oldest brother and sister were sold to craftsmen. I have never seen them since. My other brothers saved money and sent me to a middle school. We ran a few races there. But sports were not practiced when I was a child."



Basketball is one of the most popular sports in China. Organized competition goes on at factories, schools, communes and parks throughout the country.

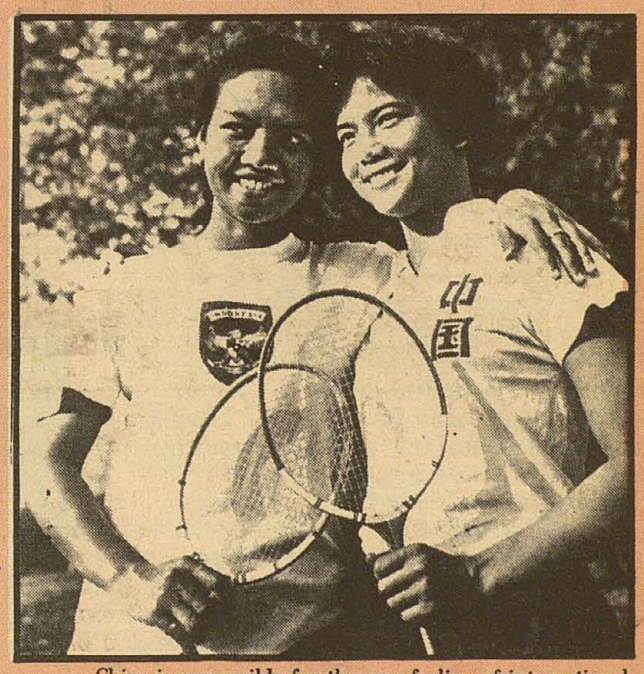
Now China is a nation in the rapid process of development, and sports and physical fitness have played a large part in that development. As a result sports has become something very different in China from what it is in America. Sports in China is for the benefit of everyone, not just for the talented, the young, the rich or just for men. And sports is for participating in - not watching. Everywhere - at factories, communes, schools, parks - there are facilities and organized events. In the schools, physical activity is considered one of the five most important areas of education. Even the elderly have organized recreation, such as wu chu practice. Since the revolution, every region of the country has been encouraged to use its own resources to develop athletics. One town, Tao Chiao, for example has turned to its river. Before 1949, less than 10% of the towns people could swim. Now almost everyone can. At one time or another, almost everyday, everyone - workers and old people, children and even some animals, take an opportunity to swim. As a result of this total participation in physical activities throughout China, the people are strong, lean and healthy. Sports is not only for fun, but also a way for each person to stay healthy and therefore better help in the future development of their country.

Compare this with the U.S., where sports is a business. Here a few exceptional athletes are well paid. For most people, liking sports usually means watching something on TV. In the U.S. there are more spectator seats for pro football alone, 1.7 million, than in all of China, which has four times as many people. This doesn't mean the Chinese people don't enjoy watching sports - they do, and there are some beautiful stadiums in China. It just means that on a Sunday afternoon in China people are exercising themselves rather than shelling out $8 to watch someone else.

Those of us in America who are active in sports are taught "anything to win," "kill the umpire," "bowl over your grandmother if it means two points." The Chinese people learn to play thinking another way - "friendship first - competition second." It means just what it says. Children in schools are praised not so much for winning as for cooperation and helping. Two writers from Sports Illustrated, W. Johnson and J. Cooke, who traveled all over China studying sports, at first were skeptical as to whether this "friendship first" approach, so different from anything in the U.S., was really true. But by the end of their trip, they were both totally convinced that friendship came first in China and both of these American sports writers thought it was great. At one factory basketball game where the two reporters stopped to watch, they randomly picked a mill maintenance worker to talk with. They asked him about winning. "Sometimes we win, sometimes we lose. If we emphasize the friendship rather than the competition and the learning rather than the winning, then sports is the same good thing for both sides. The final score is of interest for a few moments, the friendships go on for years. It is very simple."

This "friendship first" attitude does not hold back, but actually encourages, Chinese athletes from excelling. There is special coaching and special schools throughout China for those who excel and are particularly interested in sports. Chinese athletes hold world records in track and field, swimming, weight-lifting, target shooting, archery and parachute jumping. Visiting teams have found the Chinese nearly unbeatable in many team sports. One Chinese sports official explains their philosophy: "We are trying to develop the best athletes we can, but always within the philosophy of friendship first, competition second."

The friendship of the Chinese athletes has also spilled over into international competition. Even in America we can feel a new international spirit among athletes around the world. This is due almost entirely to the Chinese. In the past few years, teams from almost every other country in the world have visited China, even though China is presently excluded from the Olympics because of a two-China policy imposed by the heads of the Olympic committee, mostly reactionary Americans. But the athletes of the world are in the process of changing this ruling, just as they forced the Olympic Committee to throw out the racist, facist regime of South Africa. In a series of Asian games, co-sponsored by the Olympic Committee, planned for this summer, the Asian nations invited China and didn't invite Taiwan. The Olympic Committee said they couldn't do this. The countries did it anyway, and the helpless committee finally had to agree. Kuo Lei, an all China Sports Federation official says, "We greatly encourage international exchanges and competition of all kinds. The purpose is to promote friendship among athletes. It is not necessary to be sure of winning, or even coming close. If we waited for our basketball players to become as good as the Americans, we might never become friends through basketball. We wish to be friends of the world, not necessarily champions of the world."



China is responsible for the new feeling of international friendship among athletes that has developed in the last few years. Here a Chinese badminton champion poses with her Indonesian opponent.

So, what does this new world of sports in China mean to those of us on the other side of the earth? The next time you can't play in a game because you aren't good enough, you are chased off a court because you are a woman, you can't find a place for your family to swim, and you think "Oh well, that's the way it goes" – think again. The people of China have shown us that sports can be different, if it's run for the benefit of the people instead of for the profit of a few.

STATEVILLE PRISON JOLIET, ILLINOIS

LATIN PRISONERS ACT TO SAVE WOMAN'S LIFE

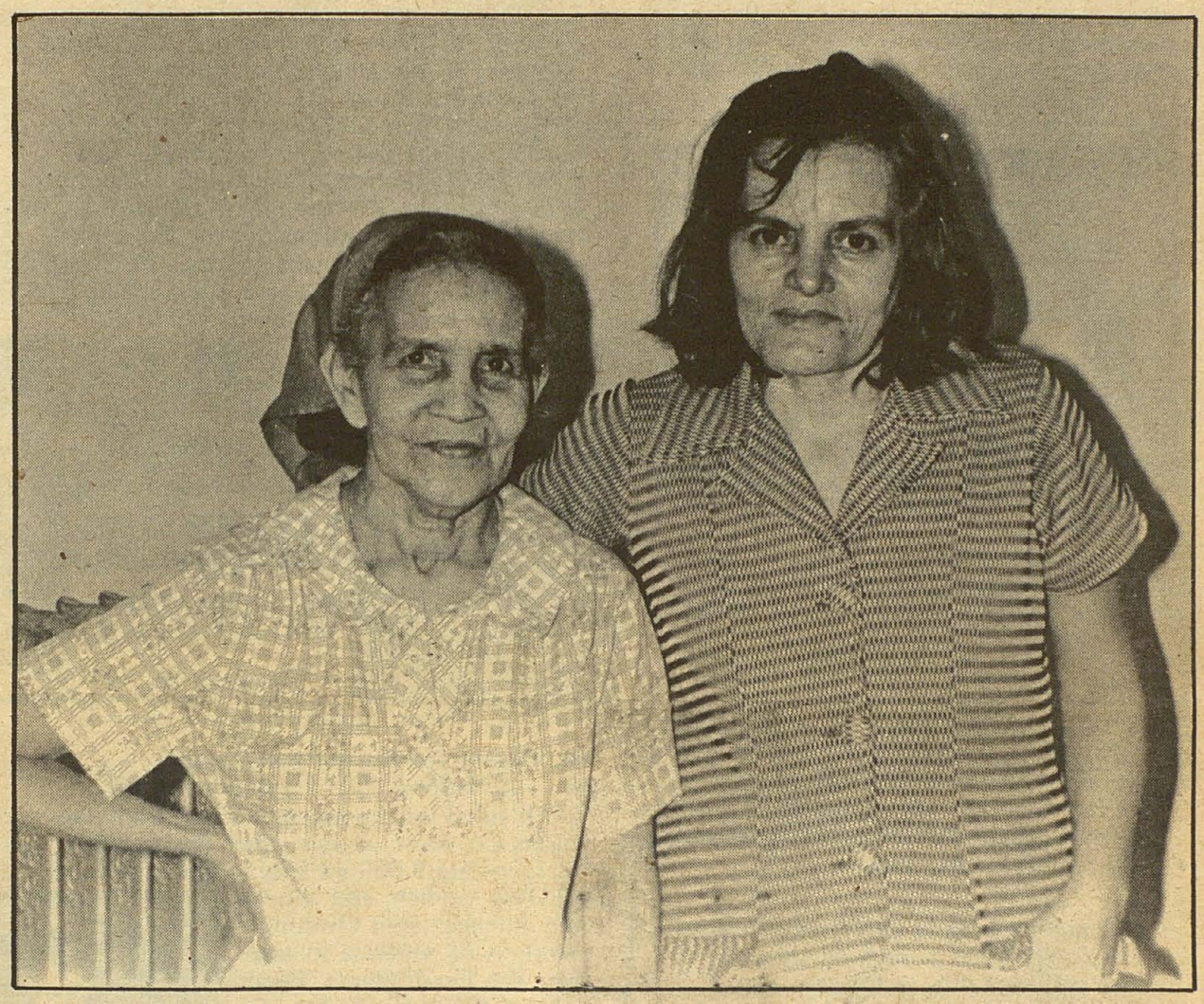
In early December of last year, many of Chicago's radio stations and Latin newspapers reported that Mrs. Barrios of 815 W. Newport was in need of 15 pints of blood for open-heart surgery necessary to save her life. By the next week, very little of the blood had been collected. After reading this, some of the Latin prisoners inside Stateville's maximum security prison decided to donate some of their blood. But it wasn't easy.

They first wrote a letter to Captain Hall and Superintendent Revis at Stateville requesting permission to donate the blood. The answer was no. They wrote to Warden Cannon, who left the letter on his desk for a month without answering. They wrote to Governor Walker and the Director of the Illinois Department of Corrections, Allyn Sielaff. No reply. Finally the prisoners began writing to outside organizations and friends. In part their letter said, "We, the Latin convicts in Stateville, know that our correctional facilities do not correct, that our penology does not reform, that prisons do not rehabilitate. Still we are asking for help that we may at least be able to give our Latin blood to Latin people who may die for lack of it."

Many medical people were sympathetic but said that, even with the Wardens permission, blood could not be collected at Stateville because blood taken from such institutions is often, not surprisingly, infected with hepatitus. Finally Mary Lasados, who works in the blood bank at Illinois Masonic where Mrs. Barrios was to be operated on, and who is a member of the Lakeview Latin-American Coalition (the group that did the most work on behalf of the prisoners) organized other people in her department at the hospital and wrote a letter to Warden Cannon. Their letter said that workers from Illinois Masonic Hospital would come to Stateville on their own time to collect the blood, with special equipment to freeze out any possible hepatitus. Faced with this, the Warden agreed.

Now workers from Illinois Masonic are working with outside representatives of A.L.A.S., an educational organization begun by Latin prisoners inside Stateville, to arrange a time to collect the blood donations. This will be in a few weeks. The warden is allowing only about 30 prisoners to donate, even though many more wanted to.

This action by inmates at Stateville to save Mrs. Barrio's life is further proof that some of our country's finest people are being kept behind bars. At the same time, some of the country's worst criminals are running the government. It is time they changed places.



Mrs. Barrios, right, and her neighbor, Mrs. A. Trinidad. Mrs. Barrios is recovering well after surgery. She was able to live because of the promise of blood donated by Latin prisoners at Stateville Prison.

PRISONER SOLIDARITY

Letter to the Warden of the Federal Prison, Marion, Illinois

In the December 23, 1973 issue of Rising Up Angry, we ran an article exposing how Jackson Fee, an inmate, was murdered in the federal penitentiary in Marion Illinois. Last issue, February 3, we carried an appeal from the brothers in Marion to all of us to write to the proper officials protesting what was happening in Marion. In response to that urgent request the brothers in the Monroe prison in the state of Washington sent the following letter to the warden of the prison in Marion. These acts of courage and solidarity by our brothers in prison should be an example to all of us to stand up and offer our support to our fellow human beings who are enduring inhumane treatment in prisons and jails across the nation.

Dear Sir;

I have just finished reading the latest edition of "Rising Up Angry" and I must say that I find the inhuman killing of Mr. Jackson Fee, an inmate at Marion Penitentiary, by prison personnel unjustifiable and an act of police sadism. Being in your social position, with the responsibility it carries, it is unbelievable that you would openly tolerate this form of racial discrimination and power-happy insanity. Surely this must decrease your image and expectations to the bare minimum.

Do you or any of your personnel realize that the people inside your prison walls are, in fact, people and not some animal or something else you may have dreamed up? Are you even vaguely aware of your responsibility to these people? In your position you should realize that the people inside your your prison walls need and should have the opportunity of rehabilitation.

Society does not send human beings to prison for you or your personnel to kill in Cold Blood. They are sent there to pay for their criminal acts by separation from society and in the process it is your duty to try and give them something to work with so they may return to society and enjoy productive lives. This something is called Rehabilitation, not murder!

For you, especially in the position you hold, to condone such an act of unjustifiable murder, shows that your mind, under all of it's expanded egotism, is sick without a doubt. We here at the Monroe State Reformatory seriously hope the officials involved in this cruel and senselessly brutal act get all they deserve. We also feel that you, being the Warden at Marion, bear your share of the weight in this matter as it is your responsibility to see that everything inside the prison functions properly and also to uphold the due process of law, the rights and the safety of all individuals in your custody; not to adhere to murder or to try and justify the act of murder.

We here at Monroe, pray that you and all others involved in this atrocity get what is coming to you.

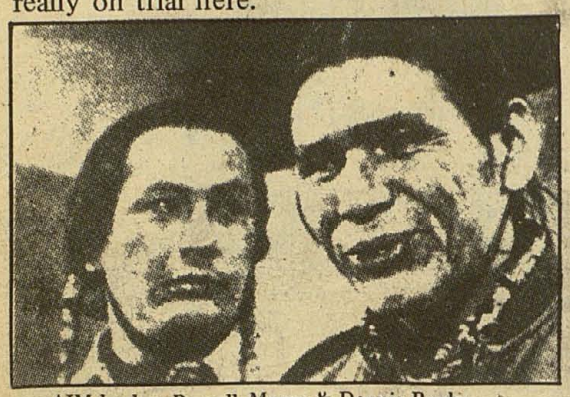
POWER TO THE PEOPLE AT MARION
STOP MURDER AT MARION,
The inmates at Monroe, Washington

NEWS AT A GLANCE

National

★ **Testimony Begins in Wounded Knee Trial**

Eight women and four men began hearing testimony in mid-February in the government's case against AIM leaders Russell Means and Dennis Banks for their role in the 71 day liberation of Wounded Knee last year. Defense lawyers have called for dismissal of the case because of a "reign of terror" unleashed by the government, FBI and the Bureau of Indian Affairs against the American Indian Movement, including the outright murder of one leader. Among those who have visited the courtroom to support the two AIM leaders was Marlon Brando who said, "It is the American conscience that is really on trial here."



AIM leaders Russell Means & Dennis Banks.

★ **UFW Charge Growers**

Seven members of the United Farm Workers Union have filed a $100 million suit against 44 Coachella Valley grape growers and the Teamsters for engaging in a racist conspiracy aimed at destroying the UFW. The suit charges that workers were fired for refusing to join the Teamsters and were never given an opportunity to vote on Teamster – grower contracts. UFW lawyers indicate that other farmworkers will be filing similar suits.

★ **Chicago Lacking in Day-Care Facilities**

Over 100,000 pre-school children (under six years old) in Chicago spend their week days roaming the streets or locked in apartments because of a lack of day-care facilities for working women. The U.S. lags behind all other developed countries in child-care programs, according to the Illinois Day-Care Crisis Center. Chicago sticks out "as the only one that zones its downtown area so there can be no child-care centers." There are full-day facilities in Chicago for only 6,000 children.

★ **Hanrahan To Go On Trial**

On February 19 the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling that former Cook County States Attorney Ed Hanrahan and seven other policemen must go on trial for the December 1969 murder of Black Panther Party leaders Fred Hampton and Mark Clark. The decision confirms that Hanrahan was acting totally outside his duties as States Attorney. The civil suit against Hanrahan is expected to begin this summer.

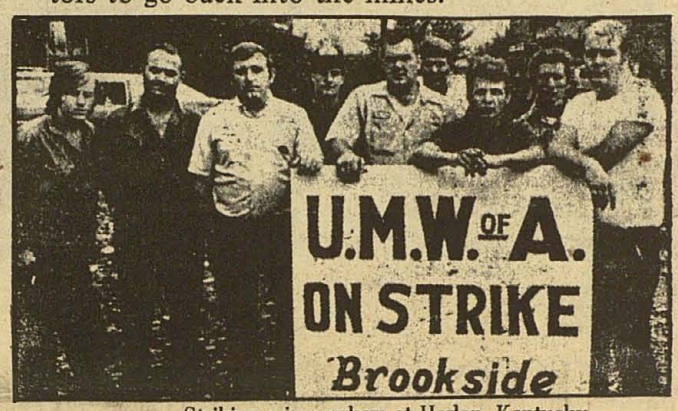
Fred Hampton

★ **Two Chicago Area Atomic Plants Dangerous**

Two nuclear power plants in the Chicago area are among 12 that have failed to meet Atomic Energy Commission Safety guidelines, according to Ralph Nader. Nader warned a joint congressional committee that the plants are a grave danger to the people living in their vicinity. The plants are the Bailly plant in Dune Acres, and the Commonwealth Edison plant in Zion, Ill.

★ **Drinking Water Unfit in Company Town—Miners Strike Continues in Harlan, Ky.**

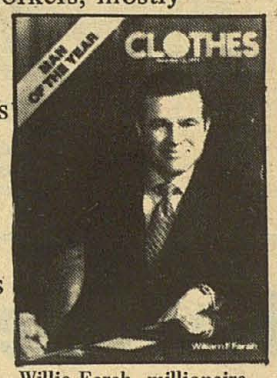
Drinking water in the Brookside Coal Camp in Harlan, Kentucky, has been declared unfit for consumption by the Health Dept. The water, supplied by Duke Power Co. to the town's residents, has a bacteria count of 24 – the danger level is 4. Besides supplying water, Duke Power Co. owns the town, the mines and water supply. Miners in Harlan have been on strike since last summer to gain a medical program and safer conditions from Duke Power. Despite at least 10 serious violations of mining laws found by federal inspectors, the company has refused to make repairs. In fact the company now refuses to allow spectators to go back into the mines.



Striking mineworkers at Harlan, Kentucky.

★ **Victory for Farah Pants Strikers**

A National Labor Relations Board judge ruled last month that Farah Manufacturers Co. must, among other things, offer to re-instate 3,000 striking workers, mostly Chicana women, and allow the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America to organize the Farah plants. Farah's owner, Willie Farah, has ignored previous NLRB ruling but the latest ruling is the most far-reaching and protective of the basic rights of working people. The strikers have been out since May, 1972 for job security and union recognition. Since the strike, and a nationwide consumer boycott began, Farah has lost over $15 million and has been forced to shut down some of his plants completely.



Willie Farah, millionaire boss of striking workers, whose anti-labor actions have been ruled illegal. Pictured here as recipient of award from conservative Clothes magazine.

★ **Butz Aide: Drop Food for Schools**

A memo to Agriculture Sec. Earl L. Butz from his top aide strongly recommends that the government stop procuring food commodities for schools, orphanages, old age homes, and disaster victims. The memo was made public by Sen. G. McGovern, who said such a plan would be a disaster for America's already undernourished.

★ **Man Freezes to Death**

A 71 year old man froze to death in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in early February after the so-called Wisconsin Public Service Corporation turned off his heat for an "unpaid bill". Harold Radtke's younger brother had been paying the bills, but the company "forgot" to contact him. Radtke was found frozen solid, face up on the floor.

The World

★ **International Support For UFW**

UFW field director Richard Chavez reported last month that dockworkers in Britain are supporting the UFW boycott of non-union grapes and lettuce. Members of the Transport and General Workers Union agreed to refuse to unload all scab produce entering Britain's ports. They have already refused to unload over 6,000 tons of scab grapes. Further support is expected from other European labor unions.

★ **South Africa**

More than 10,000 African textile workers defied a government ban and went on strike for better pay and conditions on January 20, shutting down ten major textile mills in apartheid South Africa. Police unsuccessfully attempted to break up a march by the strikers through the streets of Durban by arresting over 250 and clubbing many others. In the same week, a labor shortage forced the hiring of Black nurses for exclusive white hospitals, a measure unheard of until now.

Meanwhile, the World Council of Churches has demanded a ban on white emmigration to South Africa, saying that such emmigration "is an integral part of a planned strategy to maintain and consolidate racist and colonial regimes".

★ **Foreign Aid Equals Bad Food**

A N.Y. newspaper recently uncovered what happened to food that is banned from the market because it is dangerous or unfit for consumption. The government buys the condemned food at low cost and sends it overseas as foreign aid. For instance, a large quantity of soft drinks containing dangerous additives, banned by the Food and Drug Administration, went to Vietnamese refugees.

The Mother Jones Food Co-operative

The Mother Jones Food Co-operative is a program of the United People's Organization. People who live in the Waukegan – North Chicago area work together to get high quality, fresh food at a cost that is 20% less than you pay in grocery stores. There is no charge to join the co-op.

If you are interested in joining or helping out call: 623-7745, 244-8385 or 623-6555

United People's Organization Announces Opening of New Office

923 Washington Street
(One building east of East Campus High School, corner of Washington and Victory)
Waukegan, Illinois 60068

Office Hours: Phone 623-6555

Monday	12-6 PM
Tuesday	4-8 PM
Friday	4-8 PM
Saturday	10 AM-5PM

Call or come by for information on Mother Jones Food Co-op, to buy Rising Up Angry newspapers, or just to rap and get to know us.

WHY FIGHT BACK?

Being in the military is almost as bad as being in prison. You have no rights, you are isolated from your family and friends, and you are often ordered to do illegal and immoral things like killing someone or breaking a strike. In response to the oppression of the military system, GI's in all branches of the service have been getting together to resist, to fight for their own humanity. The biggest thing that keeps more GI's from actively fighting back is fear - fear of what the military will do to you, fear that you are making a fool of yourself, fear that you're not doing the best thing. But more and more brothers and sisters who are in the military are finding the courage to fight back. Maybe this article will help you to understand why this is happening, and if you are a GI maybe this article will give you the support you need to do what is right. Dave Walsh originally wrote this article for a GI paper, Omega Press, that's put out by active duty GI's who are stationed in Okinawa.

I believe if I were to write a single word to describe why I became involved in the GI movement it would have to be "tired". Tired of being lied to, cheated, deceived, and all the other everyday common occurences within the military. When I first began to feel that something should be done my emotions were very mixed. After all, there were guys in my company who were hip to what was happening. They were being harrassed for petty stuff because they chose to speak against a capitalistic system they felt was tearing them as well as the rest of the world to shreds. They were being hasselled for writing articles for this very same paper just as I will be for writing this article. On the one hand there were all these things that I felt were wrong and it was my responsibility to speak out and fight against. At the same time this had to be weighed alongside of all the harrassment.

One day I looked at this guy in my company who was being hasselled by some maggott lifer Colonel at the time. His actions and expressions expressed more than I could even if I chose to write a 500 page book. He was really far out; just smiling, seeming not to care what this ass had to say to him. Soon after he was sent away the lifer was sticking his chest way out (almost as far as his gut) running around bragging about how he had scared this guy. Was he afraid? I think not. To me it seemed that he was fighting against something he felt was wrong, and was proud to be there. He knew he was right and he had come to tell everyone about it. It was not long after seeing this incident that I realized what I was doing by letting this stop me from voicing my say. This was exactly the hopes of the brass. It's in many ways just like all the other separations among the people. By separating Blacks from whites, men from women, Asians from Americans, right on down the line it is just another way of stopping the people of the world from uniting against their real enemy.

The following poem pretty well sums up my feelings towards the military:

You may f— over me until my ETS
You may make my life one helleva mess
You can make me cut my hair
Even though I don't think it fair

You may think you're getting over
That all is crimson and clover
But remember you cannot win our war
For I feel only a bore

You try to get me down
But I seem only to frown
You say pride is the thing for the mass
I say shove it up your ass

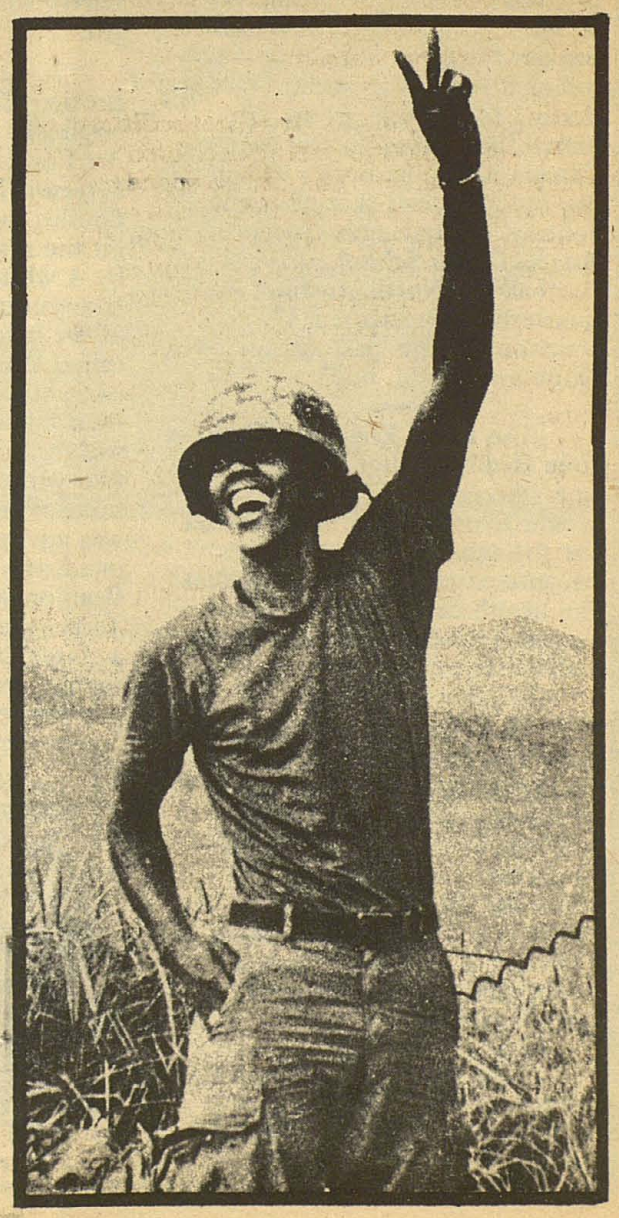
You believe you're the boss
I believe you're mind is at a loss
So remember you will never win in the end
For I shall never break but always bend

You say now you've got it
I say you ain't s--t
As a friend of mine once said
The only good lifers are dead

I guess the real question is not when will you be ready to take a few risks of harrassment but rather when will you reach a point that you feel things are so messed up that you must go out and do something about it. It should be quite obvious to everyone that there are just so many things that just aren't right. With the Vietnam War, Watergate, Spiro the Crook, and many other recent atrocities within our government - it just has to tell people something. They must realize by now that they have no say in our government or even in our everyday lives. Just one more sentence for all those people who are waiting for that right moment. PLEASE DON'T WAIT TOO LONG, YOU'RE NEEDED NOW. Unity is strength. People of the world UNITE.

In the Struggle,
Dave Welsh
(signed in full and proud of it)

Ft. Hood, Texas. Ft. Hood 3. The first GI's to refuse orders to Vietnam.



WHAT'S GOING ON

Well, brothers and sisters here we are again checking out whats going on in Chicago and around the world. Hope you all are doing fine. You know, it's hard to say that with a straight face. But there is one advantage to the gas shortage -- I can write this column while I'm waiting in line to get gas. Smile. Better yet, fight back!

Let's get into some good news, first. **Ms. Gloria Steinem**, well known woman's liberationist, was at a banquet in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. When she was served a tossed salad, she asked whether the lettuce had been picked by United Farm Workers. When she was informed that it wasn't, she picked up her salad bowl and walked outside and dumped the lettuce on the ground. She was followed by several students who did the same thing. Now thats the way to support the **United Farm Workers**! I sure hope all of you are boycotting Jewel and all non union lettuce and grapes

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We're sorry to inform you all that the building that housed the old RUA office at 2740 N. Lincoln burned down recently. No one was hurt, but the family in the upstairs lost their place to live, and brother Troll who ran a fine little resale shop downstairs (where Herb the refridgerator repairman used to reside) lost his shop and almost all that was in it.

We would like to congratulate **Johnny Rodgers**, 13, who lives in **Albany Park**, for winning the National Outdoor Speed Skating Championships this year. Johnny's definitely an Olympic prospect who has broken the city, state, and national records in speed skating for his age group. In March, he's going to Quebec, Canada where he hopes to win the indoor speed skating event. Johnny, who attends **Queen of Angels Grade School**, also plays football for **North Austin**. As quarterback, he scored 37 touchdowns this past season. Quite an athlete, huh?

The **Fritzi Englestein Peoples Free Health Center** and everyone who is a patient there would like to thank **John Obeda** for the table he donated. It's because of people like John that the health center can continue to grown and help more people out!

Now lets get into some birthday greetings: Happy birthdays to **Debra Bartlow** (February 14); **Kathy King** (February 9); **Rosie Wilburn** (February 17; **Jim Millis** (January 19); **Frank Sousa** (February 1); and **James Metz** (January 27); **Teresa Tinerelli** (February 25). Don't worry there's more.

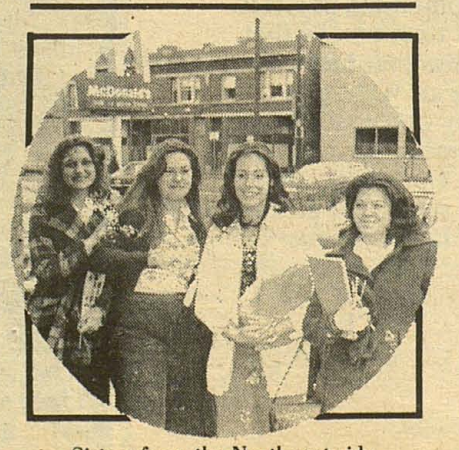
Here they are: Many happy returns to: **Kris Brigid** (February 7); **Rick Shul** (March 1); **Lynda Bator** (February 19); **Terry Arendt** (March 1); **Cathy Wayne** (March 5); **Doreen Valle** (March 5).

Welcome home to **Shakey & Ian.**

We would like to take this opportunity to say Happy Birthday to **Huey P. Newton**, co-founder of the **Black Panther Party**, who turned 32 on February 17.

Another special happy birthday goes out to **Edward F. Martin** who will be 52 on March 3rd.

Brother **Charles Beamon**, who is originally from Chicago is in the Air Force now, stationed at **Peterson Field** in Colorado. Charles, who is Black, was stopped on the night of December 11, 1973 by 4 white security guards. When Beamon questioned the legality of his being stopped he was called "Nigger", dragged from his car, and beaten. Beamon was then taken to Ent AFB where he was again beaten, this time by two white NCO's. Upon his release by the Security Police he was advised to forget the whole incident. On December 14, 1973, Beamon submitted to Lt. Colonel Terry, the base Inspector General, a statement and list of charges against six Security Policemen.



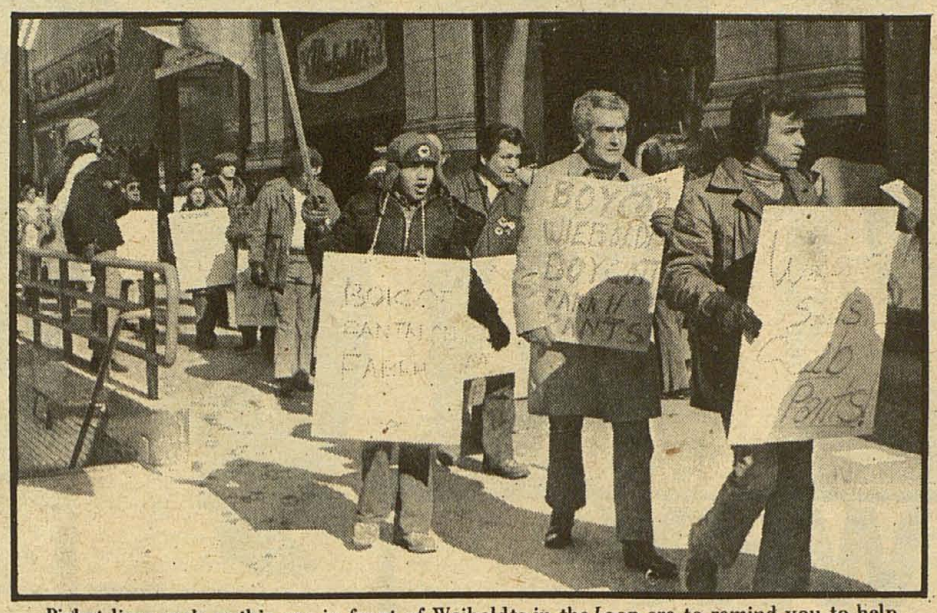
Sisters from the Northwest side.

On January 7, 1974 Beamon was informed that he would be court-martialed on five different charges. Parts of his own statement are being used to incriminate him. His charges against the six Security Policemen are not being considered by the Air Force.

Beamon has been active in forming and working with his defense committee. Since the formation of the defense committee Beamon has been harassed by the Security Police a number of times. On January 30 he was apprehended at 12:30 in the morning in his own barracks for having an expired inspection sticker on his car and arrested for wanting to see a lawyer before showing his I.D. card. Keep up the struggle, bro, there are plenty of people who support you.

It's not only in the military that cops think they can do whatever they want. Out at **Kiwanis Park** (Christiana & Carmen) there are 2 police officers (often referred to as pigs) on duty from 8p.m. until the park closes at 9:30. They earn their money by playing checkers and ping pong, when they aren't bothering the people who hang out there. The man who works at the field house acts like Big Brother, following people around, accusing people of being narcotics dealers, and consistently kicking people out. This isn't the way for the Park District or Police Department to improve their relations with the people. It does just the opposite.

TRIAD Radio (106 FM, 8 to 1 every week day night) has been running concerts at the Northwestern Law School's Thorne Hall. Kicking it off was Heartfield who are originally from the far southside. Currently they're on a nation wide tour and we hope it goes well. We'll be looking forward to their return. They have a good album out on Mercury that already sold about 20,000 copies in Chicago. Following **Heartfield** was the **T.S. Henry Webb Group** on February 9th. They're a fine group as everyone who saw them at the University of Illinois Circle Campus recently can tell you. TRIAD is trying to spotlight up and coming local groups. For more information, give them a call at 973-1277.



Picket lines such as this one in front of Weiboldts in the Loop are to remind you to help support 3,000 striking Chicano workers in the Southwest by refusing to buy Farah Pants.

Welcome home **FLOCK** (and brother Link who did the sound), and congratulations on your European tour.

There's been some new additions to the human family. **Cindy & Bill Grossman** have a new daughter, **Carrie Lynn. Tina Acardi** has a new son, **Sonny Ray. Chris & Steve** also have a new son, **Willie Spain.** Good luck to all of the children with their new parents!

Get well wishes go out to **Brian & Terry.** Also to **Charlotte, Adam & Shawn Miller.** Finally to **Scott Cason** who just got out of the hospital. Hope all of you are feeling well real soon!

Good luck to **Bobby Ramirez** from your friends at **Cornelia & Halsted.**

Hello to **Karline Harry Bird** from all her friends at **Mr. Fred's School of Beauty Culture at North & Pulaski.**

Every Sunday afternoon, all the farm workers from California who are in Chicago for the boycott, and their friends and supporters have a pot luck supper from 4 to 7. It all takes place at the Hyde Park Methodist Church, 54th & Blackstone. Good food (bring some to share), good people, music, and lots of things to learn. Go check it out.

And from the wilds of the northland. That is **Waukegan, Illinois. United Peoples Organization** wishes **Olga** a belated Happy Birthday!

Congratulations are in order for **Terry Williams & Judy Barris** who will be getting married in March.

Melody Stock had a visit from **the stork** on Valentines day. Her baby's name is **Brian William Che**, who weighed in at 6lbs. 3oz. Good luck to both of you!

England's Wax Musem conducts a yearly poll to determine the most hated and feared person in the world. Last year it was Hitler. This year -- yeah, you got it -- Nixon.

That's why we've got to keep on keepin on!

Tower of Power

WHAT IS HIP?

The **Tower of Power** is a fine band out of Oakland, California. They currently have a fine song, **What Is Hip?** that's getting a lot of play on the radio. An earlier song, **So Very Hard To Go**, ("I got to make it right for everyone concerned. . .") also made it into the charts. Both songs can be heard on their new album, **Tower of Power** on Warner Brother Records. Both this new album and their first (Tower of Power: **East Bay Grease** on San Francisco Records/Atlantic) have a whole lot of good jams and we recommend them both very highly.

The group is currently made up of eleven brothers, Black, Latin, and White, who make much music with guitars, organ, bass, conga drums, bongos, drums, tenor saxes flute, clarinet, baritone sax, oboe, trumpets, trombone, fluegelhorn, and baritone horn. All the songs on the albums are written and arranged by members of the group, and they produced their own second album. During Bobby Seale's (Black Panther Party) strong people's campaign to become Mayor of Oakland, the group did benefits for the campaign. Get into their music, and be sure to think about what they've got to say – you all.

So you gonna jump out your trick bag
And ease on into a hip bag
But you ain't just exactly sure what's hip

Started to let your hair grow
Spend big bucks to top off your wardrobe
But somehow you know there's much more to the trip

What is hip? Tell me, tell me if you think you know
What is hip? If you're really hip then pass it here to show
You in a hip trip. Maybe hipper than hip. What is hip?

You became a part of the new breed
Been smoking only the best weed
Hanging out with the so-called hip set

Been seen in all the right places
Seen with just the right faces
You should be satisfied, but still it ain't quite right

Hip, yes it is, what it is
Hip, yes it is, yeah, what it is
Hip, yes it is, what it is
And sonetimes living is easy
But it ain't, hey

Done went and found you a guru
In an effort to find you a new you
And maybe even managed to raise your conscious level

While you're starting to find the right road
There's one thing you should know
What's hip today, might become passe

What is hip? tell me, etc. [chorus]

THINK ABOUT IT YOU ALL!

What is hip? Tell me, tell me if you think you know
What is hip? If you're really hip then pass it here to show
[repeat]
What is hip? What is hip? I'd like to know

What is hip? Is it the style of your hair?
What is hip? Is it in the clothes you wear?
What is hip? I'd like to know
What is hip? I'd like to know what is hip?
What is hip, y'all? Yeah, what is hip, yeah?
What is hip? what is hip you all?
What is hip? I want to know what is hip?
What is hip? I want to know what hip it is.

TRUCKER STRIKE

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2) an immediate ceiling on all petroleum products and a rollback to the prices of May 15, 1973; 3) the government set up a joint committee of government officials and truckers to study the problems of the independent trucker; 4) the removal of all allocation quotas from truck stops.

The strike was very effective. The economy of the country began to grind to a halt as the power of the truckers became evident. There was a massive smear campaign waged by the government and mass media that highlighted the sporadic violence. The National Guard was called out in several states, including Illinois, to protect the trucks that weren't striking.

On Sunday, February 3rd, Pennsylvania Governor Milton Shapp set up negotiations with the independents. Finally, an agreement was reached which: "1) froze diesel prices at the February 5th level; 2) allowed truckers to pass on increased costs to consumers by adding a 6% surcharge on their rates; 3) called for a public audit of oil companies and large trucking firms; 4) promised a change in weight and length restrictions on trucks; 5) made Small Business Administration loans available to truckers and 6) gave top priority for fuel allocation for truck stops.

This agreement was not a very big victory for the truckers because passing the increased costs on to the consumer means the price of everything will go up for everyone, including the truckers. That means, once again, that the people will be forced to pay for the oil companies' huge profits. However, the truckers had virtually no choice as to whether or not to accept the agreement. An alternate negotiator from Indiana told Rising Up Angry that the government said the offer was final and if the truckers didn't accept it, the army would be called out and the interstate highways would be opened up and kept open with force. So the independent drivers who still only have a loose organization and had no organized support from other unions or groups, and were being attacked savagely in the press had a choice – either accept the government settlement or face the army. They chose the settlement.

The truckers strike is far from settled, as most of the grievances still exist. And just as the truckers stood up and fought back, so will thousands of others of us who won't be able to survive the way things are going now. The heavy handed tactics of the government worked this time, but workers have faced the Army before, and they will again.

200 YEARS AGO, AS DA STORY GOES, A MAN WAS FACED WITH A DILEMMA
I CANNOT TELL A LIE! I CHOPPED DOWN THIS CHERRY TREE WITH MY LITTLE HATCHET
IF TODAY'S PRESIDENT CUT DOWN A TREE, GUESS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN
H.R. HALDEMAN: CHOP DOWN A TREE? YOU MUST BE KIDDING... I'M NOT A LUMBERJACK. I'M A PLUMBER
THIS IS A HACK SAW
MITCHELL: I DENY DENYING ANY PREVIOUS DENIALS. I DEEPLY RESENT THIS SLANDEROUS AND FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING TREE TRIMMING..
AGNEW: IT WAS THEM NURDSOME NER-DO-WELL COPIOUS CUTTING COP-OUTS. I'LL NEVER RESIGN
JULIE: TRICIA, DADDY WOULDN'T LIE. HE IS VERY HONEST.. HE WOULD NEVER CUT DOWN A CHERRY TREE
PASS ME ANOTHER SLICE OF CHERRY PIE, JULIE
VICE PRESIDENT FORD: EVERYTHING THE PRESIDENT SAYS I AGREE WITH. I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING THE PRESIDENT. ANYWAY, I DIDN'T SAW HIM DO IT
ROSE MARY WOODS: IT WAS AN ACCIDENT. THE BUTTON STUCK ON MY 18½ MINUTE BUZZ SAW. MAYBE WE CAN TAPE THE TREE TOGETHER
RON ZIEGLER-PRESS SECRETARY: TREE? TREE? WHAT TREE? I FLATLY DEN THERE IS OR EVER WAS A TREE
THIS ISN'T A SAW
TRICKY DICK: I CANNOT TELL A LIE. GEORGE WASHINGTON DID IT. IMPEACH HIM.
B.B. REBOZO LUMBER COMPANY
REMEMBER-ONLY DA PEOPLE CAN SAVE OUR "FORESTS"— IMPEACH THE HATCHET MEN

Legal Clinics

The **Rising Up Angry Legal Program** deals with criminal cases, housing, welfare, civil cases, divorce, military, consumer fraud, labor law, or just hassles of any kind with the law. Our lawyers are inexpensive and sometimes free. No one is turned away for lack of money.

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North Side, 1215 W. Belmont
7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday nights
Call 472-1791 for information.

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The **Fritzi Englestein People's Free Health Center** at 2747 N. Wilton Avenue is a Rising Up Angry Program. The Clinic provides free medical care (mainly in the Clinic's neighborhood due to limited facilities). When patients cannot be treated at the Clinic, we send patient advocates with them to other medical institutions to make sure they get good care. The Clinic is open on:

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Wednesday nights, 6 to 9 p.m.
Thursday nights, 6 to 9 p.m.

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